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Battle Is Momentarily Expected With the Virginia Despergdoes

Posses Are Close on Allen Brothers' Trail, Who Are Hiding In Wild Region---Outlaws Have Vowed to Kill More Officers.

HILLSVILLE, Va., March 20.—Cordons of police, the most adaptable being cavalry, equipped for a long and systematic siege and search of the mountains of Carroll and adjoining counties, seem to be the only practicable method by which the Allen clansmen can be captured. Reports from Mount Airy, N. C., received here late yesterday, left serious doubt as to whether the outlaws had been surrounded at Squirrels Spur, as had been reported.

Detectives have searched the roads and houses in this vicinity within a radius of fifteen miles and have been unable to find a clue of the present hiding places of the fugitives. Without facilities for camping the posse has not dared to spend the night in the mountains anywhere near the summit of the Blue Ridge where the Allens are believed to be hiding.

Four members of the posse who accompanied Deputy Field Agent S. Faddis, of the revenue service, to Floyd Allen's home to confiscate illicit stills and other paraphernalia near the vicinity, returned here yesterday. They brought with them four outfits and also about fifty gallons of moonshine whisky.

Great quantities of the illicit liquor was poured out on the mountain side. Two stills were found at Sidna Edwards' house. The paraphernalia is being held here as evidence.

Hillsville has also regained its composure, but women are still in fear of going out of doors. When the shadows begin to lengthen the men's hands instinctively go back to their hip pockets. There are few men who do not believe the Allens will make good their threat to kill Attorney Tompkins Sheriff Edwards and James Eagly.

HILLSVILLE, Va., March 20.—An assault against the heights of Squirrels Spur, in the Blue Ridge mountains, where Sidna Allen and a part of his gang now are believed to be entrenched, was planned early yesterday by a posse of forty detectives and citizen volunteers, according to reports reaching here through Mount Airy, N. C.

Confident that they had located the outlaws, the detectives stretched a cordon around the base of Squirrels Spur late yesterday and guarded every approach vigilantly as they waited for a survey of the surroundings by daylight before undertaking to close in. In the meantime a messenger has been sent to Mount Airy, 12 miles away, calling for volunteers to aid in storming the position of the fugitives.

Interest shifted from the Devil's Den vicinity of Squirrels Spurs late yesterday when a large posse which had been scouring the mountains on the North Carolina side barely missed catching Wesley Edwards, a nephew of the older Allen, at his cabin, eight miles east of Sidna Allen's home. Edwards escaped by a back door. His sister told the officers that Sidna Allen, suffering from a severe wound, had been at the cabin Sunday and had told Wesley to meet him at Squirrels Spur.

Taking Edwards' trail, the posse followed him to the rendezvous, arriving near the foot of the cliff about 10 o'clock. Not daring to do more in the darkness, the detectives placed themselves to prevent the possibility of an escape. News that they had moved against the Allens was expected momentarily yesterday.

Here the belief is growing that the fugitives, with a full day's start on their pursuers, have escaped and scattered in remote villages. They would not be recaptured after travelling 25 miles in any direction. If they have fled in pairs, perhaps to reunite somewhere in North Carolina, West Virginia or Tennessee, there would be no hope of immediate capture.

To determine this definitely, Captain H. W. Davist of the state mil-

itia, is believed to be anxious to surround the mountains with 200 men and peer into every nook and cranny day after day, stationing guards on the principal highways to cut off any food supplies. At the same time every effort is being made to circulate descriptions of the Allens among the county authorities of all the neighboring states.

Faith of many people here, however, still is placed in the ability of the mountaineer detectives to locate the Allens. It is believed that by watching the activities of women members of the Allen clan they may intercept some communication.

MOUNT AIRY, N. C., March 20.—Several citizens left Mount Airy at daybreak for Squirrels Spur, 12 miles away, in the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia, just across the state line, to aid in the capture of the Allen clansmen, if the report that they have been located proves true. The men responded to a call from the head of the posse who last night sent an urgent request by messenger asking that every available man in town come to the scene of the supposed roundup. The men were heavily armed and carried provisions for several days.

At Squirrels Spur they will join the forty who left here two days ago to scour the country between here and the home of the Allens about Devil's Den.

PURE FOOD AND DRUG INSPECTORS ARE IN TONOPAH

Prof. S. C. Dinsmore, chemist in charge of food control and deputy sealer of weights and measures, accompanied by Miles B. Kennedy, deputy food and drug inspector, arrived in Tonopah this morning. These two gentlemen are inspecting scales and measuring devices of all kinds. Weighing original packages of butter, bread and all other staples. The law requires butter to be labeled with weight and name of the manufacturer. The inspectors are determining the weight of butter and allow only a reasonable discrepancy. They are after the short-weight butter men. Notice has been filed in Reno against one Tuesday, and Monday they obtained two convictions in Virginia City. Before leaving Reno yesterday Mr. Dinsmore bought 16 rolls of butter and shipped them to Tonopah, these were weighed this morning and placed under the usual conditions in grocery stores. They will be weighed every day during Mr. Dinsmore's visit here and a check on shrinkage obtained. The problem involved here is one which comes up constantly. Mr. Dinsmore says: "If we can compel the butter manufacturer and dealer of this state to come up to standard, we will save to the consumers in one year the amount of the appropriation of our department. Besides, butter, bread and all such staples will have to undergo the same rigid test. A loaf of bread must weigh a pound."

"On this trip samples will be taken of foods and drugs being sold and careful tests made of them for impurities and adulterations. The department means to protect consumers from fraud and every one should be pleased to see its representatives."

FIVE MEN KILLED AT RAILROAD CROSSING

ELLETTSVILLE, Ind., March 20.—Five men in a survey were killed by a passenger train on the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville railroad, being struck on a cross-

GRAND JURY HAS INDICTED THOS. HADLOCK

The grand jury members met this morning and after a short session in listening to evidence in the case of Thomas Hadlock, who was charged with assault to kill Miss Minnie Stanley about a month ago, brought in an indictment as charged. Judge Somers of Goldfield received the indictment, and the defendant being without counsel and also being without funds, the judge appointed Attorney T. K. Chambers to represent the defendant. March 27th was the day appointed for the defendant to plead to the indictment.

MUCH FREIGHT ARRIVING.

From eight to ten cars of freight is being received daily by the T. & G. Railroad company, consigned to various merchants and mining companies in Tonopah, Manhattan and Round Mountain.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN WAS 52 YEARS OLD YESTERDAY

LINCOLN, Neb., March 20.—W. J. Bryan was 52 years old yesterday. Many prominent democratic leaders were in attendance at a dinner party given in honor of the distinguished Nebraskan.

500,000 COAL MINERS MAY STRIKE ON APRIL 1

Coal Mines of the Nation Be Closed Down By First of the Month Unless Some Agreement Is Reached.

CHICAGO, March 20.—Announcement was made from the Illinois coal operators' association yesterday that it would be practically impossible for miners and operators in the bituminous fields to reach a new agreement by April 1st and that a suspension on that date was certain.

It was said that even if the miners and operators of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois at their conference today decide on an amicable agreement, it will be impossible to draw up the terms of a two years' agreement by the first of the month and that therefore a suspension of business, if not a strike, was inevitable.

C. E. McLappbill, secretary of the association, decided that 200,000 miners in the four states alone would be affected. At least six other states—Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa and Michigan—use the agreement as the basis for their contracts. Mr. McLappbill said, practically the entire bituminous coal field with 400,000 men involved, would face a suspension of business.

"Neither the miners nor the operators would be willing to operate without an agreement, even if the miners show a disposition not to strike. How long business will be stopped cannot be predicted. In our district the miners affected will be: Illinois 70,000, Indiana 180,000, Ohio 18,000 and the rest in Pennsylvania."

The above statement was made by H. M. Taylor, president of the association, before leaving Chicago for Cleveland to attend the conference there. Mr. Taylor also said the union was asking for 10 per cent increase with a reduction of working hours, which would amount to another 10 per cent increase in the wage scale. He said that the operators were determined not to yield to these demands.

CLEVELAND, March 20.—Whether there will be war or peace in the bituminous fields at the expiration of the present contracts on March 31 will be known, it was said yesterday by the end of the first session of the conference of operators and miners of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois here today.

THEY ARE ALL COMING BACK TO TONOPAH

Yesterday afternoon "Happy Jack" Barrier, Dan Kelly and Billy Galbreath of Manhattan, who left here last November on the hurricane deck of a band of burros for the southern country, with the determination to find another Tonopah, arrived in this city a happy and contented lot of fellows, but wiser men. They went as far as San Bernardino without making a solitary location. "Happy Jack" says the only thing they found was a lot of fat quail and ducks and says no more chasing the rainbow for him. There is only one place to prospect for new finds and that is in the Sagebrush state. The trio will make another start for the hills nearby, and claim they will find another Eldorado ere long.

ARSON CASE CONTINUED.

RENO, Nev., March 20.—P. A. McCarran, attorney for the defendants in the cases of Primeaux and Dye, accused of arson at Tuscarora, returned from Elko last night and reports that the Primeaux case has been continued and that in the case of William Dye, who was convicted, the bill of exceptions on the appeal has been settled.

NUMBER OF DEAD IN BOILER EXPLOSION IN TEXAS HAS INCREASED

Description of the Scene Where the Big Passenger Locomotive Was Blown to Atoms When Cold Water Was Fed Into a Hot Boiler

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 20.

At least thirty-two men were killed and parts of their bodies strewn for blocks around when a big passenger engine of the Southern Pacific blew up Monday morning. The engine stood in a square formed by the copper-house, blacksmith shop and roundhouse, all of which were wrecked. Part of the locomotive crashed through a house several blocks away and seriously hurt an aged woman.

Twenty bodies have been identified and what are believed to be the remains of twelve more is little more than a tangled mass of fragments of human flesh and bones and probably never will be separated. The fragments were found jammed about the wrecked buildings, in the street and entangled in the machinery shops.

The identified dead are: Walter Hurdan, engineer; B. Mansker, Sr., foreman of the blacksmith shop; William R. Bremer, machinist; Jas. Valentine, engine inspector; H. C. Durbin, machinist; J. R. Miller, Orange, Texas; Albert Roberts, helper; E. B. Shaw, Cleburne, machinist; J. Brady, machinist, Pittsburg; Raymond F. Brady, Alleghany; W. O. Hoebler, machinist; May J. Gordan, Carl Zysko, blacksmith; and five negro helpers.

Except where indicated the former residence of those killed is unknown. The shops have been manned for several weeks by strikebreakers, or "scabs," imported when the shopmen went out. The explosion resulted from allowing cold water to flow into the hot boiler of the engine. The engine, of the large Mogul type and practically new, was in the shop for inspection. Besides thirty-two believed to have been killed, fifty were injured. The monetary loss is about \$200,000. One of the strangest freaks of the explosion was that the driving wheels of the engine were not disturbed, while parts of the huge locomotive were driven blocks.

Rumors that the explosion was caused by dynamite is scouted. Experts determined it was steam. Investigation is being made to ascertain whether the valve was defective or tampered with. The dead and missing now number 33.

CHURCHILL'S SPEECH HAS AROUSSED KING WILLIAM

Dark Cloud Hangs Over German Empire---Sudden Postponement of Proposed Vienna Trip of Emperor.

BERLIN, March 20.—Emperor William has most unexpectedly postponed his departure for Vienna, Venice and Corfu, which was scheduled for March 22. This announcement, made yesterday morning, caused surprise. The reason officially assigned for the postponement is "difficulties in the sphere of internal politics."

This explanation is so indefinite that it may refer either to the coal strike, or, as is more probable, to the conflict now going on in connection with the provision of finances to cover the increases in the army and navy recently decided upon and which caused the resignation of Adolph Wermuth, formerly secretary of the imperial treasury.

There is a strong disposition here, however, to connect the emperor's action with the speech delivered yesterday by Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty in the British house of commons. This view is strengthened by the fact that the emperor in the course of the morning paid a long visit to Admiral Albert P. Von Tirpitz, secretary of the imperial navy, immediately after which leading officers of the admiralty staff assembled in conference, the object of which is not disclosed. The reason impelling the emperor to change the plans of his foreign trip must be quite important, as it will involve the embarrassment of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, and King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, whose arrangements for the meeting have been made.

Public opinion of the speech of Winston Spencer Churchill has not crystallized, but his references to Germany are regarded in many quarters as highly inopportune, in view of the attempts being made to reach an understanding between the two countries. The negotiations which followed on the trip to Berlin of Viscount Balfour, British secretary for a strike. Local hotels, hospitals and transit lines are well stocked with coal in preparation for a long strike.

of state for war, are being continued, but any big hopes of their success which may have been entertained are fading gradually. The negotiators would now be satisfied in all probability if they could achieve no more than a simple removal of the sources of understanding which hitherto have existed.

The Bourse was weak yesterday, operators regarding Mr. Churchill's speech as to a certain extent unfriendly to Germany and the postponement of the Corfu visit of the emperor giving birth to many rumors in regard to the internal and foreign situation. Government stocks were generally lower.

COLOGNE, Germany, March 20.—In replying today to the speech made yesterday by Winston Churchill in the British house of commons, the Cologne Gazette adopts an unusually sharp tone. It says in substance that Great Britain must decide from the standpoint of her own interests what increase of her fleet is necessary and that Germany must do the same thing. It continues:

"Germany will hardly ever have a navy equal to that of Great Britain, but if Germany's navy is to be destroyed the victory must cost the enemy so heavily that England will hardly have any resources left to defend its great international interests."

TAFT MAY INTERVENE.

MANCHESTER, N. H., March 20.—It became known yesterday that while President Taft has not sought to interfere in the anthracite coal deadlock, he is keeping in close touch with both sides and will see John Mitchell this week.

ELGIN BUTTER RECORD.

ELGIN, March 20.—Butter is firm at 23 cents. Output of the week 300,000 pounds.

Everyone should take the home paper; it evidences the right spirit.